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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 16, 2003, applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-13 and 15-18), without traverse.

Please cancel claim 14, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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